to give preference to applicants from the backward and unrepresented communities and to report all deviations from this with reasons for them.

(2) Two permanent vacancies arose. Both have been given to candidates from the Ezhuva community in preference to the superior claims of senior hands from other communities.

Opening of a road in Anjur Village.

111. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—With reference to question No. 42 of the last Budget Session (opening a road in Anjur Village) will the Government be pleased to state what further action has been taken by the Government in the matter; whether the enquiry is now over, and if so, whether steps will be taken for opening the road ?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—The construction of the road has been sanctioned. An estimate for the work has been called for.

Improving the Vaduthala road, etc.,

112. Mr. K T. Mathew.—With reference to question No. 43 of the last Budget Session regarding the opening of a road from Vaduthala to Cheruvally ferry and improving the Vaduthala road, will the Government be pleased to state what orders have been passed by the Government with reference to the request of the petitioners and whether a copy of the report of the officer in charge of the work will be placed on the Table?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Government have ordered the extension of the non-metalled Panchayat road to the Cheruvally ferry. An estimate for the work is under preparation.

A copy of the Assistant Engineer's report is placed on the Council Table.

Pazhanji-Akkikkavu Road.

113. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Pazhanji-Akkikkavu road has been completely repaired and if not, on what date was the repair of the road first sanctioned by the Government, and whether all the correspondence regarding this will be placed on the Table?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—No. The work is nearing completion.

On 23rd December 1927. Government do not think that any public purpose will be served by the correspondence being placed on the Table.

114. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to print and lay on the Table the letter received by the Diwan of Cochin in last October regarding the repairs of Pazhanji-Akkikkavu road and to state whether the repairs of the road have been satisfactorily completed now?

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Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Government do not think that any public purpose will be served by printing the letter and placing it on the Table. The work of repairs to the road is nearing completion.

Opening of a canal in Kunnamkulam for irrigation facilities.

115. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform whether the request contained in the petition submitted in 1104 to the Chief Engineer by Mr. Ambalatt Sankunni Panicker and the people of Kunnamkulam, Mangad and Porkkulam villages for opening a canal for irrigation has been sanctioned by the Government; and if not, whether the matter is still under the consideration of the Government or under enquiry?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—The matter is being investigated by the Public Works Department.

Opening of a tank in Kunnamkulam.

116. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer has not received petitions and representations from the people of Kunnamkulam for a tank near the western side of the town;

(b) whether the Town Improvement Committee had not recommended this;

(c) whether all the correspondence regarding the matter be placed on the Table;

(d) whether the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer did not recommend to the Government to sanction the request for a tank?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The correspondence cannot be placed on the Table as it serves no public purpose.

(d) In the interests of the service it is not considered proper to disclose the information.

Night-soil depot in Kunnamkulam.

117. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Government have received a petition from Mr. Chungath Varoo and others this year regarding the acquisition of a plot of land in or near Kunnamkulam Town for depositing night-soil; and if so,

(b) what is the prayer contained in the petition;

(c) whether the petition be printed and placed on the Table;

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